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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: MEETING WITH FOURIE JUNE 5

REF: (A) USUN 2251, (B) USUN 2233, (C) CAPE TOWN 1100,

THE GERMAN AND CANADIAN AMBASSADORS SAW FOURIE AS SCHEDULED
THIS MORNING, JUNE 5, AT 0830. THE FOLLOWING IS THEIR JOINT
REPORT:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. ON BEHALF OF THE CAPE TOWN FIVE, THE CANADIAN AND GERMAN

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AMBASSADORS SAW FOURIE AT 0830 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON MONDAY
5 JUNE FOR 40 MINUTES. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS INFORMAL AND FRIENDLY.

2. AFTER WE HAD READ OUR TALKING POINTS (USUN 2251) FOURIE
FIRST ASKED WHAT FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION WE HAD IN MIND IN
OUR PROPOSED LIST OF POSITIVE STEPS. WE MENTIONED AS
EXAMPLES DISCRIMINATION IN THE FIELDS OF HIGHER EDUCATION,

(INCLUDING TRAINING FOR ADMINISTRATION) IN URBAN AREAS AND IN LABOUR MATTERS. FOURIE UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THESE ALLEGED DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES. HE SHOWED MOST INTEREST IN THE LABOUR FIELD AND THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS THE AG MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRINCIPLES GOVERNING LABOUR POLICY. IN THE OTHER INSTANCES MENTIONED BY US, FOURIE SAID THEY WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER THE DISCRIMINATION WAS A RESULT OF THE PREVAILING LAWS OR WAS SIMPLY A PERSONAL ATTITUDE.

3. WHEN WE REQUESTED THAT ALL ACTIVITIES CEASE INCLUDING RADIO BROADCASTS, WHICH DEMONSTRATED PARTIALITY, FOURIE REACTED STRONGLY BY CITING THE CASE OF UN BROADCASTS WHICH HE SAID WERE FLOODING SWA AND WERE EXTREMELY PARTIAL. IN ANY EVENT FOURIE SAID THE SABC BROADCASTS DID NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST POLITICAL PARTIES EXCEPT WHERE TERRORISM WAS INVOLVED.

4. WHEN WE FIRST MENTIONED THE REPEAL OF THE SECURITY ACTS AND THE RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, FOURIE DID NOT COMMENT AT ALL. LATER IN OUR CONVERSATION, HOWEVER, HE REFERRED TO THE SAG'S RELEASE OF 63 PRISONERS TAKEN DURING THE CASSINGA RAID AND SAID HE HOPED WE HAD TAKEN NOTE OF THIS GESTURE. FOURIE ADDED THAT THE RELEASE OF SHIPANGA, WHILE MAKING THINGS MORE DIFFICULT FOR NUJOMA, WAS NOT SUFFICIENT IN ITSELF. THERE WERE STILL MANY MORE NAMIBIANS HELD ELSEWHERE WHO SHOULD BE RELEASED TO COMPLY WITH OUR PROPOSAL.

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5. FOURIE SEEMED TO BE RELIEVED AT WHAT WE HAD TO SAY ABOUT WALVIS BAY, IN PARTICULAR THAT THE ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICA. HE DID NOT ASK US WHAT OUR POSITION WOULD BE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE DID, HOWEVER, STATE THAT HE BELIEVED WHAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS WORRIED ABOUT WAS A PRIOR COMMITMENT BY SOME OR ALL OF THE FIVE TO GIVE SWAPO CERTAIN ASSURANCES AS TO THE OUTCOME OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS

6. AFTER WE PLEADED WITH FOURIE TO USE HIS INFLUENCE TO STOP THE GOVERNMENT FROM ANNOUNCING THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, HE REFERRED TO THE SPIRIT OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT 31 DECEMBER 1978 WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE SPIRIT IN THE EYES OF THE PM. THE GOVERNMENT HAD NO CONFIDENCE THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH AN AGREEMENT IN THE NEXT WEEKS OR EVEN MONTHS AND OUR ATTEMPTS TO GET SWAPO'S ACCEPTANCE WOULD BE MADE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT BY THE PENDING RETURN OF SHIPANGA TO SWA. THERE WOULD NOW BE A SPLIT SWAPO. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, FOURIE TOLD US FRANKLY THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE GOVERNMENT WOULD GIVE WAY WHEN 8 JUNE COMES AROUND. HE WONDERED WHY WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AS MERELY A CLERICAL WORK WHICH

WAS NECESSARY TO BE DONE.

7. AT THIS POINT WE READ TO HIM THE RELEVANT EXTRACTS OF
PARAS 5 AND 6 OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL, POINTING OUT THAT
SAG'S UNILATERAL ACTION WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE INTERPRETED AS
A VIOLATION OF THEIR AGREEMENT AND WOULD IN ITSELF BE
INTERNATIONALLY UNACCEPTABLE.

8. WE ASCERTAINED THAT SAG HAS IN MIND NOT ONLY SETTING UP
THE MACHINERY BUT THE ACTUAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AS WELL.
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